

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1961

WEEK END READING FOR NEWPORT

1. Two comments -- one from the Intelligence office at State and the other from the Embassy in Moscow -- on Khrushchev's speech. The State paper is a particularly thoughtful one. *USSR*
2. Latest report on assistance to Tanganyika. This shows *from "Kaj"* that the matter is in pretty good shape, and there have been no major changes in the last month.
3. A further report from the Secretary of State on Polish relief parcels. *USSR 75*
4. A memorandum to me from Roger Hilsman on information from Ambassadors of friendly governments. This is a point which you raised some time ago, and unless I hear to the contrary, I will tell him to proceed as his memorandum suggests. *USSR*
5. Report from the State Department on Economic countermeasures in the event of interruption of Berlin access. *10/18/61 - 12/1/61*
6. Here is a summary on the Pope case which leads me to the conclusion that we ought not to make a special indication of your interest right now. If it does not persuade you, we will of course go ahead. The basic points are at the bottom of page 2 and the top of page 3. - *Indivision*
7. A report from Charlie Bartlett of his meeting with Smirnovsky. This is worth reading because it implies that the Soviets are hoping you will be "reasonable." Be wary! *USSR*
8. The report on the Cuban internal situation which you requested. (Highly sensitive) *M.A. Goodman McG. B. 10/24*

Mr. Bundy asked that a comment on the food situation be added -- bad but not disastrous -- for the Cuban people
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